

Points in the Speech.
"Indeed, when I look forward to the next session of Congress I tremble lest the session will not be long enough, and that it will not be possible to do all that has been promised."

"I have not the slightest hesitation in recommending to Congress that the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission should be extended to include not only the fixing of rates after complaint, but also the readjustment of classification if it proves, on complaint, to be unjust."

"An amendment to the Interstate Commerce act should provide that the commission may, by order, suspend, modify or annul any changes in the rules and regulations (of railroads) which impose undue burdens on shippers."

"It has been suggested that the anti-trust law ought to limit its denunciation to those contracts in restraint of trade that are unreasonable. I do not favor any such limitation."

"I am entirely opposed to excepting from the operation of any law of general application a class of persons, like laborers, or workmen, or farmers, or ministers, or teachers, or lawyers."

DES MOINES, Iowa, September 20.—President Taft spent a little more than four hours in Des Moines today, and during that time breakfasted with United States Senator Cummins, one of the "insurgent" leaders in Congress; reviewed an imposing parade of nearly 5,000 federal troops engaged in a military tournament here and made an open-air address to an immense crowd gathered from all the surrounding country, in which he discussed in detail the changes he will recommend to Congress in the Interstate Commerce and anti-trust laws.

The President announced that he would urge the establishment of an Interstate Commerce court to consider appeals from rates fixed by the Interstate Commerce Commission. He will also recommend legislation to prevent an interstate railroad company from owning stock in a competing line, and compelling roads thus owning stock to dispose of their holdings within a given time.

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Choice of Freight Routes.
Giving to shippers the choice of routes in the shipment of freight is another important provision which the President favors.

In taking up the anti-trust law, President Taft declared that he knew of no way in which a distinction would be made between "good" and "bad" trusts, for he regarded all combinations to suppress competition and to maintain a monopoly to be in the same category, whether the terms of the illegal contract should be regarded in some instances as "reasonable."

The President also discussed at some length the proposal to except labor unions and farmers' organizations from the operation of the anti-trust laws. He declared, would be vicious legislation, but he pointed out a way in which it could be relieved to some extent of the onerous restrictions now placed upon them, but at the same time he held them liable to injunction, which procedure he believed adequate to deal with any violations by the unions.

The President left here at 11:18 a.m. for Omaha.

President's Speech.
Mr. Taft's speech at Des Moines was as follows:
"Fellow citizens of Iowa:
"I have great pleasure in meeting such a concourse of citizens of one of the most purely agricultural states in the Union—one which has enjoyed to the full the prosperity which has come to the man who has invested his money and his labor in the farm for the last decade."

"Iowa has come to a state in which there is great independence of views, and in which the voters exercise intelligent discrimination with reference to candidates and policies that keeps those who are looking for position with a party in a constant state of doubt and anxiety."

"The last general election was held in November of 1908, and resulted in the success of the republican party in the national contest. In both chambers of Congress the republicans have a majority, as they have the President. Looking forward to the legislation that ought to be expected from that party, we must refer back to the platform upon which that party was elected. This story is in the platform recently closed."

"I do not intend to dwell upon the much-disputed question of tariff bills which have been passed, but I do intend to dwell upon the tariff bill out of the way, for the time at least, what there is for the republicans to do in the coming regular session."

The President then outlined briefly his views upon the necessity of passing at the earliest possible moment legislation to carry out platform pledges to injunctive. He said that he would recommend that Congress require

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BACK TO THEIR DESKS
Over 1,700 Teachers Face 58,000 Pupils Today.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS REOPEN
Busy Time at the Office of the Superintendent.

PRINCIPALS GREET THROGS
Issuing Cards and Granting Permits and Setting the Big Machine in Motion.

About 58,000 children laid aside the shiny stick, the base ball bat and roller skate this morning in order to get to school on time, this being the first day of the new school year. In addition about 1,700 teachers did their best to get the army of scholars enrolled, placed and interested in the business of becoming educated. The figures for the teachers are very nearly correct, but the enrollment is a guess placed on the enrollment for last year and allowing the normal increase of 2 1/2 per cent. All day long the various principals will be telephoning their figures into the offices of the assistant superintendent, Messrs. Hughes and Bruce, at the Franklin School building, and it will not be until tomorrow afternoon or later that the complete enrollment will be obtained.

There were no surprises for the officials this morning, except the surprise in the shape of a boy at the home of Assistant Supt. Bruce. The school machinery has been bathed in oil for several days and started about as smoothly as possible at 9 o'clock today. All those schools which have been looming up like a nightmare before the board of education the past few days have today taken their place in the province of the municipal architect, Snowden Ashford, was reported to be dragging are in good enough shape to start work today.

Every school, which is only half ready, started with four grades this morning and alternated with the remaining four grades at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Cards and Permits in Demand.
School principals everywhere were besieged by great crowds of parents and children this morning. There was a great deal to be done in the way of making out various cards and permits, and there was a veritable army of people who wanted them. The first thing that the schools had to do was to corral all of last year's pupils, bid them welcome, account for them and then pass them on to the grades above. The children who had never been to school in the city at all, but who come from other cities or the Maryland and Virginia suburbs.

All this busy grading takes time, but the principals and teachers have done it so often that they can get the entire 58,000 settled at their desks in one school day, and the morning of the 21st, the teachers began the actual work of imparting education today. There were several courses of day, and the morning of the 21st, the teachers began the actual work of imparting education today.

Flitting Normal School Girls.
While the school rooms were filling up this morning at the Franklin School there were a large and beautiful group of Normal School girls flitting about from room to room, just to see how things were done. The Normal School did not get started along with the rest of the city schools, but it is a part of the program consisting in watching the experienced ones teach the young idea how to add and subtract, and sit at a desk several hours a day.

Stuart is mighty proud of that Normal School, but it is a safe thing to say that he would be very willing to see that new \$250,000 building that stands on Harvard street, where for several years past the board of education has wanted a school that would be worthy of the high character of the normal school. There are about 215 of them, according to today's figures, and over half of these entered the city this morning. The girls in the rooms in the Franklin building, which are variously termed "the garret" and "the loft," and other expressive titles.

It is no easy task, even to give up a long vacation and get down to books. The 58,000 brought a whole lot of vacation boisterousness with them, and did not relinquish it right away either.

That dear friend of the school child, the janitor, came out of his summer trance this morning, and realized that once more the world was filled with trouble. As early as 8 o'clock today his hat was knocked from his head by a skilfully thrown ball. One boy, who was looking angrily to find the culprit scores of grinning youngsters eyed him with defiance. His nicely cleaned floors will have to be leading off after today, and lawns and playgrounds will bear the trace of Young Washington for nine months to come.

Sizing Up Teacher.
But it is not very hard to go back to school if one is going to have a little folk who faced the forbidding school doors for the first time this morning went home at noon today as fast as they could to tell mothers just how grand Miss Harris or Miss Smith or Miss Whoever it was that they had seen.

Coroner Strasser is making a thorough investigation and will hold an inquest early this week. He says the accident was not caused by the bursting of any of the tires or the breaking of the axles. He made a thorough inspection of the wrecked car and found the four tires lying under the car in perfect condition, showing that the steering was not from that source. The trouble gear was also in good condition.

Charged With Kidnaping Girl.
PITTSBURG, September 20.—The Pittsburgh police are searching for James Larry, aged thirty-five, alleged to have kidnaped Mary Cimero, thirteen years old, of Niles, Ohio. He is believed to have brought the girl here Thursday. Assisting the authorities is Constable H. A. Walsh of Niles. Larry was a boarder at the Cimero home. No trace of the couple has been found here.

Baltimore Biscuit Firm Hit by Fire.
BALTIMORE, Md., September 20.—The Baltimore Biscuit Company's building in German street was burned today, entailing a loss on the factory and stock of between \$40,000 and \$50,000; covered by insurance.

SLASHES THROAT WITH RAZOR
SON OF LATE COL. FORSYTHE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Injuries Found to Be Not Serious.
Lost Government Position in New Orleans a Week Ago.

NEW ORLEANS, September 20.—Louis H. Forsythe, a civil engineer, the son of the late Col. Forsythe, who recently was employed in the United States engineers' office, after slashing his throat with a razor here today, rushed to the nearest policeman and asked to be arrested. His request was granted. Upon examination it was found that his wound was not serious. Forsythe lost his position about a week ago. He came to this city from Washington, D. C., about eight months ago.

Louis H. Forsythe was transferred to the engineers' office at New Orleans from the War Department last year. He worked in Washington from 1902 until 1908. He is the son of the late Lieut. Col. L. C. Forsythe of the army, and was appointed to the government service from St. Louis in 1902.

He served in the Spanish-American war with the 8th Cavalry and was in the 48th Volunteer Infantry Regiment from 1899 to 1901. Forsythe is thirty-six years old. So far as is known at the War Department, he has no relatives living in Washington.

HOTEL GUESTS STARTLED.
Several Hundred Excited at Pittsburgh by Explosion.

PITTSBURG, September 20.—A mysterious explosion of nitroglycerin or dynamite early today at West Brownsville, Pa., near here, injured two persons and partly destroyed the Hotel Aubrey and the Hotel Atwood. The structures adjoin, and the police suspect that enemies of the proprietors made an attempt to ruin their places.

Several hundred guests were thrown into the greatest excitement when the explosion occurred and two received injuries in the rush for the outside. The damage is estimated at \$5,000.

SECOND FATALITY RECORDED.
William Brown Dies of Injuries Received While Bearing Taft Message.

READING, Pa., September 20.—William Brown of Philadelphia, one of the occupants of the automobile which was wrecked near here Saturday afternoon while bearing a message from President Taft to the management of the Alaska-Yukon exposition, died at the Reading Hospital yesterday, making the second death as the result of the accident. He suffered a ruptured spleen and internal hemorrhages, and it was apparent from the first that he had little chance of recovery.

Brown was a friend of H. L. Buckley, who died immediately after the accident. The bodies of the two men will be sent to their former homes.

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OPEN TO ALL DISTRICT BOYS
CADET APPOINTMENTS BY COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION.

President Taft Notifies Commissioners of His Concurrence in a Recent Recommendation.

President Taft has determined that all future appointments to the District of Columbia places in the Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy at Annapolis shall be made by competitive examination, open to all qualified boys who are residents of the District. He has so notified the District Commissioners.

The District has one appointment at West Point and two at Annapolis. The decision of the President is in line with a recommendation made to him several weeks ago by Commissioner Macfarland. Until March, 1903, the District had only one appointment at Annapolis, but the Commissioners, at the suggestion of Commissioner Macfarland, recommended that in view of its population, which was larger than that of any one of half a dozen states having at least three appointments each, at the Military and Naval academies, the number should be doubled. Commissioner Macfarland then presented the matter to the committees in Congress, and the representatives of the District at the Naval Academy was increased to two, but action was deferred as to the representation at the Military Academy because the total number of cadets at West Point was regarded as too large.

Commissioner Macfarland has felt for some time that all the District boys should have an equal chance at the District appointments, and as the law requires that they shall be made by competitive examinations, he recommended that the President should determine the number of appointments to be made in the future, and that the competitive examination to be arranged by the Commissioners should be the total number of appointments to be made in the future.

Commissioner Macfarland will ask the Commissioners to arrange for such competitive examinations, probably by requesting the United States civil service commission to conduct them as it conducts other examinations for the District. He will also recommend that the Commissioners should be authorized to appoint candidates for appointments in the District government.

Either the Military or Naval academies, but preparations will be made in time for such vacancies when they occur.

Commissioner Macfarland said today that President Taft's action was another evidence of his interest in the National Capital, and that he believed it would give great satisfaction to the people of the District of Columbia.

PASSED STEAMER ON FIRE.
Believed to Have Been Missing British Ship With 300 Aboard.

MANILA, September 20.—The British steamer Harlow, Capt. Bruce, from Newport News, June 14, for Port Natal and Manila, reports that on July 27, while 150 miles from Durban, she passed a steamer afloat. The vessel in question, whose name it was impossible to make out, was shortly afterward destroyed by an explosion.

It is supposed that this steamer was the missing British steamer Waratah, which, with 300 persons on board, has not been heard from since July 20.

Long Cruise for the Duke.
Special Telegram to the Star.

LONDON, September 20.—According to the Globe's Rome correspondent, the Duke of Abruzzi, at his expressed wish, has been assigned to the command of a squadron which will sail in December on a long cruise. The squadron will call at Portsmouth, Palma, Lisbon, Brest, Copenhagen, Riel and Hamburg. It is believed in Italy that this disposes of American rumors as to the duke's matrimonial projects.

PRECEDENCE GIVING CONCERN
DECIDING HONORS AT HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION.

Main Point Is Between the Admirals of the German and British Navies.

Questions of precedence are already puzzling the committees in charge of the Hudson-Fulton celebration, and they may have to be submitted to the State Department for settlement. The main point at issue is whether Gross Admiral von Koeber of the Imperial German navy or Sir Edward H. Seymour, admiral of the fleet of the British navy, is the ranking officer and therefore entitled to first honors at official functions.

According to officers of the navy at the department the question is a simple one, depending entirely on the date of commission. If the rank of gross admiral and admiral of the fleet is equal, as on the face of things it appears to be, then the matter resolves itself into one of length of time of holding the rank, which is the universal rule when officers of the same or equal rank meet. So far as the question of plain figures is concerned, Admiral Seymour is the senior of his German contemporary, having been made an admiral of the fleet February 20, 1905, while Gross Admiral von Koeber did not receive his present rank until December, 1906.

Meanwhile the United States will get along with a rear admiral to command the fifty-three ships of war. When the government accepted the invitation of the commission to send ships to the celebration it assigned the Atlantic fleet for the service. The commanding officer of the Atlantic fleet happens to be Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, and he will be retained in that capacity for the purpose of the celebration. There was unofficial talk about getting Admiral Dewey to take temporary command of the fleet, with the idea that he would rank as a fleet admiral. Since he is the ranking officer of the United States Navy, his precedence over the other officers at the celebration would be unquestioned.

DEPRECATES OPTIMISM.
Lord Northcliffe Not Sanguine of the Peace of Europe.

PORTLAND, Ore., September 20.—Lord Northcliffe, editor of the London Times, passed through Portland Sunday. In an interview regarding the peace of Europe he said:

"We have the facts that Germany has refused to discuss her vast armaments; that the whole of her shipbuilding yards are engaged in naval construction; that she is engaged in leading writers make no secret of her intentions; that she has on previous occasions made unprovoked and sudden attacks on other nations, and that the vessels she is building are designed for commerce destroying purposes and for fighting with an enemy that is near at hand."

"We know also that the kaiser has declared in a public declaration that the future of Germany is on the water. In the face of these significant facts I fear that any foolish optimism is greatly to be deprecated."

Lord Northcliffe left last night for San Francisco.

Mexican Gunboat Sails.
NORFOLK, Va., September 20.—The Mexican gunboat Morelos, commanded by Capt. Manuel Castellanos, and which has been anchored in Hampton roads near the American fleet since her arrival from Mexico several days ago, passed out the capes at 8 o'clock this morning for New York, where she will represent Mexico in the Hudson-Fulton naval pageant. The Morelos has on board Capt. M. Izaguirre, commandant of the Vera Cruz naval station, who is second Mexican official representative to the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

GAS LINE IS PLANNED
This City May Get Natural Product Soon.

PIPE FROM WEST VIRGINIA
Rumor Says Standard Oil Company Is Doing It.

RIGHT OF WAY PURCHASED
Thirty-Nine Deeds Recorded at Rockville—Property Owners Favor the Project.

Washington will be given an opportunity to use the natural gas of West Virginia for heating and lighting purposes, if the plans of the Interstate Natural Gas Company of that state are carried out as reported. This company will run a fourteen-inch main to pipe natural gas from Mineral county, W. Va., to Baltimore, a distance of about 140 miles. The pipe line will pass through the northern section of Montgomery county, Md., from where it is planned to tap it by a line less than thirty miles long to this city.

Work on the construction of the line has not yet begun, but most of the preliminary details have been arranged. Deeds conveying the right of way to lay and maintain a pipe line for natural gas or oil, as well as a telegraph and telephone line if necessary, have been obtained for nearly the entire distance. Thirty-nine of these deeds were recently recorded by the county clerk of Montgomery county at Rockville. The rights in Montgomery county were conveyed to W. Raymond Cross, who is said to represent the Interstate Natural Gas Company.

May Be Standard Oil Company.
Little information is given out as to what financial interests are behind this company, which has undertaken to lay about 140 miles of pipe through three states and to supply gas to Baltimore, Washington and numerous smaller cities along the line. The president of the company is George S. Couch, Jr., of Charleston, W. Va., and S. P. Richmond of the same city is secretary and treasurer. There are other men said to be interested in the project in Oil City, Pa., and in Baltimore.

All along the line, where the deeds granting the right of way have been negotiated for by agents of the company, it is said that the Standard Oil interests are behind the project. Many rumors are heard that the line will eventually be extended to Wilmington and Philadelphia, but the representatives of the company are working quietly, and seem to know nothing about the project except for the particular section in which they are negotiating with farmers and others for the right of way.

It is admitted that the pipe line is for natural gas, but that it will carry oil, as well as gas, through three states and to supply gas to Baltimore, Washington and numerous smaller cities along the line. The president of the company is George S. Couch, Jr., of Charleston, W. Va., and S. P. Richmond of the same city is secretary and treasurer. There are other men said to be interested in the project in Oil City, Pa., and in Baltimore.

The line, as proposed, will run from Mineral county, W. Va., through Hampshire, to Frederick county, Va., whence it will run nine miles south to Montgomery county, Md., and then through Howard and Prince Georges counties to Baltimore. About nine miles of pipe will be laid in Montgomery county, entering near Hyattsville, Md., and passing near Lewisdale and Damascus into Howard county.

Will Feed Montgomery County.
The branch which will eventually be run to Washington will connect with the main line somewhere in Montgomery county, feeding Rockville and other towns in the county, as it runs south to the District. At the next session of the Maryland legislature, the Interstate Natural Gas Company will ask for a charter giving it the right to enter Baltimore.

The representatives of the right-of-way department of the company are said to have had little difficulty in obtaining the necessary concessions from the property owners along the proposed line. Most of the taxpayers seemed anxious to encourage the project. Negotiations are now under way with the corporation at Rockville, Md., to obtain a charter which will authorize the new company to do business in that state.

BISHOP SETH WARD DEAD.
Became Ill Shortly After Arrival at Kobe.

TOKIO, September 20.—Bishop Seth Ward of the Methodist Episcopal Church South died this afternoon. The bishop arrived in Kobe last month on his regular tour of inspection of the Methodist missions of Japan and he was taken ill shortly after his arrival. Last week he was reported as gradually sinking, and the fatal termination of his illness was not unexpected.

Bishop Ward, who came here from Houston, Tex., sailed from San Francisco late in July to make his annual inspection tour of his church's foreign missionary work. While he was not suffering from any chronic complaint, it was known that he was in poor health, and his friends attempted to dissuade him from making the trip. The bishop was fifty-one years old. He served as assistant missionary secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Church South from 1902 to 1906, and was elected bishop in the latter year.

Prefers Tenants With Children.
CHICAGO, September 20.—When Samuel B. Lingle yesterday gave a picnic to fifty-three children belonging to tenants of flat buildings owned by him, it transpired that Lingle is an exception to the ordinary landlords, who do not like to rent apartments to families with children. Lingle not only does not object to tenants with numerous offspring, but actually advertises for such lessees.

Faithless Cashier Convicted.
PITTSBURG, September 20.—Found guilty recently of having conspired to defraud the National Bank of Coal Center, Pa., near here, Clifford Drum, former cashier, and Frederick Ward, a business man of this city, were sentenced today to serve eighteen months in the western penitentiary and pay a fine of \$500.

COOK'S SHIP SIGHTED
OFF FIRE ISLAND; LANDS TOMORROW

Oscar II, Moving Under Half Speed, Will Anchor at Sandy Hook Tonight.

PEARY DUE AT SYDNEY
LATE THIS AFTERNOON

Roosevelt Reported Passing St. Pauls Island, 65 Miles North.

GREAT WELCOME IN NEW YORK
Dr. Cook's Arrival Purposely Delayed Until Morning So as Not to Interfere With Elaborate Reception Plans.

The first of America's two claimants of premier north pole honors will be at the gateway of his home port this evening. The Scandinavian-American steamer Oscar II, with Dr. Frederick A. Cook aboard, is now approaching New York at half speed, and the friends of the Brooklyn explorer are putting the finishing touches to the big demonstration with which they intend to show tomorrow their faith in his assertion that he was the first man at the "top of the earth."

The arctic steamer Roosevelt, with Commander Peary aboard, is expected to reach Sydney, N. S., late this afternoon.

NEW YORK, September 20.—There was a flurry among the members of the Arctic Club and Bushwick Club of Brooklyn this morning when word came that the Oscar II, with Dr. Frederick A. Cook aboard, was only sixty-five miles east of Fire Island. This position would have enabled her to reach her dock here late this afternoon. Although the reception committees had received assurances last night that the steamer would be delayed so as not to interfere with their plans, and, although a wireless message from Dr. Cook himself at 12:30 a.m. declared that he would meet them at 8:30 tomorrow morning, telephones and wireless apparatus were at once put in operation to make certain that there might be no change in the original arrangements.

Anchor Off Sandy Hook.
The local office of the Scandinavian-American league notified the captain of the Oscar II that he should not attempt to dock today and he replied by wireless that he would anchor off Sandy Hook and spend the night there, starting up the harbor at daylight.

The United States revenue cutter will leave its dock at 6:30 a.m. tomorrow and meet the steamer at quarantine in time to complete the examination of Dr. Cook, and leave him free to join his friends at that point at 8:30 o'clock.

On account of the large number of persons who will participate in the first greeting to Dr. Cook on this side of the Atlantic it would have been impossible to carry out any of the original program had he landed today. Nearly 2,000 tickets had been sold for the steamer Grand Arctic Club will go down the bay tomorrow. Slightly in advance of the steamer will go a tug bearing Mrs. Cook and her children, and the explorer's two brothers, with two or three members of the committee. The plan is to take Dr. Cook from the liner aboard this tug, thus enabling him to spend the first few minutes following his arrival at quarantine with his family. Then the tug will go alongside the Grand Republic and the explorer will be taken on board for the last stage of the trip to American soil.

Reception in Brooklyn.
The neighbors of Dr. Cook in Brooklyn were equally concerned when they heard that there was danger of his arrival ahead of schedule time. At the Bushwick Club, a neighborhood organization, where the physician used to go, they have planned a rousing welcome. When the Grand Republic touches the dock at Brooklyn the club members will be waiting for him with carriages and automobiles and an escort of honor. After a triumphal procession through the streets of Brooklyn, the explorer will reach the clubhouse, where there will be a reception and a luncheon.

No public events have been planned for the interval between the first welcome and the dinner to occur at the Waldorf-Astoria Thursday night. Mrs. Cook and her children have taken rooms at that hotel, so that the explorer can be in close touch with those who are anxious to see him regarding the scientific and business features of his trip beyond this banquet.

D. V. Eskesen, chairman of a committee representing the Danish-American societies in this country, re-